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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF SR-6J

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Re: Notification of Five Year Review Start for the Allied Paper Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site

Dear Paul and Keith:

This letter is to notify you that U.S. EPA has begun the process of the Five Year Review (FYR) for the Allied Paper Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site in Kalamazoo and Allegan Counties, Michigan. A Statutory Five Year Review for the Site will be conducted as required by Section 121 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA); the law requires that remedial actions which result in any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at the site shall be subject to a five-year review to determine if the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment.

The Five Year Review for the Allied Paper Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Site is due on October 21, 2007, and we are providing you this notification so that U.S. EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) can begin the necessary coordination activities. U.S. EPA will be putting a notice to the public regarding the Upcoming Five year review in the local newspaper. A site inspection will also be scheduled.

Please contact me to discuss scheduling and any necessary division of labor between or agencies in order to complete these tasks in a timely manner, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding this FYR. I can be reached at 312-886-6151 or at my email address at kolak.shari@epa.gov.

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